

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
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EFFENHAUSER et al.) Before the Examiner
) Szmaj, Brian Scott
Application No. 09/943,080)
) Group Art Unit
Filed August 30, 2001) 3736
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SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING SMALL)
AMOUNTS OF BODY FLUID) Confirmation No. 7687

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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